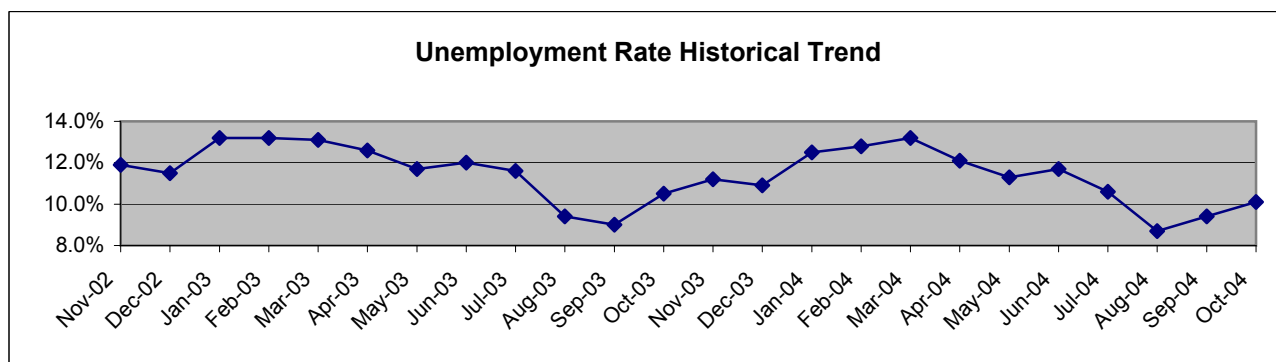


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 MODESTO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Stanislaus County)

The unemployment rate in Stanislaus County was 10.1 percent in October 2004, up from a revised 9.4 percent in September 2004, but below the year-ago estimate of 10.5 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.6 percent for California and 5.1 percent for the nation during the same period.



| Month to month changes | | | | Year to year changes | | | |
|--|----------|----------|---------|----------------------|----------|----------|--------|
| Industry | Sep-2004 | Oct-2004 | Change | | Oct-2003 | Oct-2004 | Change |
| Total Jobs | 171,000 | 166,500 | (4,500) | | 165,500 | 166,500 | 1,000 |
| Farm Jobs | 16,000 | 13,200 | (2,800) | | 13,600 | 13,200 | (400) |
| Nonfarm Jobs | 155,000 | 153,300 | (1,700) | | 151,900 | 153,300 | 1,400 |
| Natural Resources, Mining and Construction | 11,000 | 10,800 | (200) | | 11,300 | 10,800 | (500) |
| Manufacturing | 23,600 | 22,100 | (1,500) | | 21,700 | 22,100 | 400 |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 33,600 | 33,700 | 100 | | 32,800 | 33,700 | 900 |
| Information | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 | | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 |
| Financial Activities | 6,400 | 6,300 | (100) | | 6,100 | 6,300 | 200 |
| Professional and Business Services | 14,600 | 14,600 | 0 | | 14,100 | 14,600 | 500 |
| Educational and Health Services | 19,100 | 19,100 | 0 | | 19,000 | 19,100 | 100 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 13,700 | 13,400 | (300) | | 13,600 | 13,400 | (200) |
| Other Services | 6,200 | 6,300 | 100 | | 6,200 | 6,300 | 100 |
| Government | 24,800 | 25,000 | 200 | | 25,100 | 25,000 | (100) |

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality
 Data may not add due to rounding
 Additional data are available on-line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov